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MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1834.

Jan. 30, 1834. A quorum not being present, there was no meeting, there being on this day a meeting of the Overseers of Harvard University.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Feb. 27, 1834. President presided.

The Corresponding Secretary communicated letters from Hon. Lewis Cass and Rev. Samuel Deane, accepting their election as Members of the Society; also, from Roberts Vaux, Esq., to the same effect; also, letters from Henry Channing and Rev. Jasper Adams, with certain pamphlets.

The Librarian announced certain donations from S. G. Drake, the Attorney-General, Hon. Edward Everett, the Legislature, and Colonel Aspinwall.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be given to the Legislature for their donation of Professor Hitchcock's work on the "Geology of the State of Massachusetts."

The President reported a device and motto for a seal, — a bee-hive, with the line, "*Sic vos non vobis.*" *

* The following is Judge Davis's report on a device and motto for a seal for the Society:—

"BOSTON, Feb. 27, 1834.

"*Report to the Massachusetts Historical Society.*

"In obedience to a vote of the Society, I herewith present a sketch of a device and motto for a seal, — a bee-hive, with bees at work; motto, '*Sic vos non vobis.*' In this there is reference to Virgil's lines, when Bathyllus received

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented by the President to Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop for his donation of the portrait of Governor Winthrop.

honor and reward for an anonymous poetic compliment to Augustus, of which Virgil was the author.

“*Sic vos non vobis mellificatis apes.*” What Virgil wrote in a style of complaint may, it is thought, be applicable in another sense to our present purpose, indicating the assiduous and disinterested labors of the Society.

“The words ‘*mellificatis apes*’ are omitted in the motto, as being sufficiently expressed by the device.

“Instead of 1794, the date of the Act incorporating the Society, it would be better, perhaps, to take the year of its institution. The first meeting was Jan. 24, 1791. Present—Revs. Jeremy Belknap, John Eliot, and James Freeman, James Sullivan, Esq., Rev. Dr. Thacher, William Tudor, Esq., Mr. Thomas Wallcut, and James Winthrop, Esq.

“Isaac Lothrop, Esq., of Plymouth, and Hon. David Sewall, of York, were the first elected members, Oct. 11, 1791.

“Respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS.”

By reference to the proceedings in this volume, under date of January, 1795, it will be seen that “Mr. Winthrop reported the device of a seal for the use of the Society,” on which it was “voted that the subject be referred to the next meeting of the Society; and that, in the mean time, each member turn his attention to it.” There is no evidence that Mr. Winthrop’s report was acted upon, and the records are silent as to the character of his device. Since these pages were in type, however, Mr. Winthrop’s report has been found among a mass of miscellaneous papers, and it is here printed. A *fac-simile* of his report, with an impression of the seal proposed by him, is also included in this volume.

“Report of a Seal for the Historical Society.”

“Agreeably to a vote of the Historical Society that I should prepare a device for a seal, to be used on their diplomas and other public acts, I beg leave to propose the following, of which a very rough sketch accompanies this report:—

“An antiquary sitting on a ruin, and copying an inscription from the pedestal of an obelisk. Beyond the obelisk appears an ancient wall and gateway, and behind the wall a pyramid. The ruins of a decayed portico appear before part of the pyramid, and are seen, together with some scattered fragments of columns, behind the antiquary. The legend, ‘Massachusetts Historical Society, 1794. *E Vetustate Lux.*’

“JAMES WINTHROP.

“CAMBRIDGE, Jan. 3, 1795.”

Mr. Winthrop, it appears, would date the origin of the Society from the year of its incorporation by the State, whereas Judge Davis more correctly takes the year of its institution. For some remarks on the seal of the Society, including a notice of a device and motto found in an interleaved almanac of Dr. Belknap, for 1795, see Proceedings for March, 1877, pp. 257, 258.—EDS.

Voted, That the report of the President respecting the seal be accepted, and that it be referred to him to procure its execution.

Voted, That the Standing Committee be discharged from the farther consideration of the subject of the increase of the number of members.

Voted, That the subject of the enlargement of the number of members be postponed to the annual meeting in April, and that the Secretary be directed to notify the members within ten miles of Boston that the question of enlarging the number will then be considered.

Voted, That a copy of the third series of the Transactions of the Society be presented to the Historical Society of Virginia.

Voted, That the Committee of arrangements for the lectures of last season be requested to consider the subject of continuing such course of lectures, and report at the next meeting.*

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to communicate to the lecturers of the past season the thanks of the Society for their services on that occasion.

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to erase certain manuscript remarks on the blank leaf of "An Appeal to the World in Vindication of the Town of Boston," some of which are signed "S. A. Wells."†

Present — Aspinwall, Austin, Bradford, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, Willard, and Worcester.

* The former Committee consisted of Messrs. Sparks, Savage, and G. Bradford. — Eds.

† The book referred to here was published in Boston, in 1769, and is a vindication of the town of Boston against the aspersions contained in letters, &c., of Governor Bernard, General Gage, and Admiral Hood, transmitted by them to the British ministry. There had been some uncertainty as to the authorship of this tract, some attributing it to Samuel Adams, and others to James Otis, while a third class had referred its authorship to these two distinguished men jointly. William V. Wells, in his "Life and Public Services of Samuel Adams," I. 282, pronounces it unqualifiedly the work of Mr. Adams. The manuscript remarks on the blank leaf of the Society's copy of this book related to the question of the authorship referred to. The opinion of Mr. Samuel Adams Wells, a grandson of Mr. Adams, is certainly entitled to some weight; but the offence consisted in writing in a book which did not belong to either of the persons who took that liberty. The following is a copy of what was written about the authorship of the 'Appeal':—

"The work annexed, entitled 'An Appeal to the World,' &c., was written by

MONTHLY MEETING.

March 27, 1834. President presided.

The Librarian presented donations from the Legislature of Massachusetts and from Isaiah W. P. Lewis.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the Legislature of Massachusetts and to Isaiah W. P. Lewis for their donations.

The Secretary, through the Hon. Edward Everett, presented a donation from Thomas Beekman, of New York.

The President reported that he had procured a seal, and he presented a box with it, for its preservation.*

Samuel Adams, part of the original manuscript of which is now in my possession.

SAMUEL ADAMS WELLS."

"S. Adams *et alii* say J. Otis was the person who indited, and that S. Adams copied it. And it is a fact that this was often the course pursued when they were both on committees."

[Anonymous.]

"The above ought to have been signed by the writer, but I state what he has written to be false.

S. A. WELLS."

"*Mem.* The above, written by S. A. Wells and some other person in a volume belonging to the Massachusetts Historical Society, was erased [a pen drawn several times diagonally across the writing] by the Librarian, under a special vote of the Society, passed [Feb. 27] A.D. 1834, as highly indecorous and improper for any individual to make note or comment in a volume belonging to the Society.

JOSEPH WILLARD, Librarian."

Eds.

* The representation of the Society's seal below is about one-half the size of the seal itself, as represented on the Society's diplomas.—Eds.



Voted, That the Committee on the diplomas be authorized to report on that subject to the Standing Committee.

Voted, That Isaac P. Davis, Esq., be a committee to procure the walls of the room to be stained with a color suitable for the pictures.

The Librarian presented a donation from Lemuel Shattuck, Esq.

THEODORE DWIGHT and THEODORE DWIGHT, Jr., of New York, were chosen Corresponding Members.

Voted, That the Secretary, in his notifications of meetings for the future, be desired to conform to the tenth article of the By-Laws, as now printed, omitting so much as refers to advertising in the newspapers; and that the amendment dispensing with notifications to individual members be rescinded.

Dissolved.

Present — Bradford, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Lowell, Quincy, Shattuck, Ticknor, and Willard.

ANNUAL MEETING, APRIL, 1834.

April 24, 1834. The President presided. Meeting at twelve o'clock.

The Librarian presented donations from Dr. Greenwood, John Daggett, Esq., Rev. Dr. Lowell, Hon. Nathan Dane, and Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop.

Hon. JAMES T. AUSTIN and I. P. DAVIS, Esq., were appointed a committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts.

The Committee on the subject of the Diplomas exhibited specimens on parchment and on paper.

Voted, That the parchment be preferred.

The President presented a box for the seal, the same being made from the timber of the Cotton House, formerly occupied by Sir Henry Vane.

Voted, That the thanks of the Society be presented to Miss Caroline Sturgis for her assistance in designing and drawing the seal of the Society.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts reported as follows : —

The undersigned, a Committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society to examine the accounts of James Savage, their Treasurer, for the year past, having this day performed the service, report that the accounts are well kept, properly vouched, and correctly cast, whereby a balance against the Society appears due to the Treasurer of one hundred and nineteen dollars and forty-two cents, beside a note of Phelps & Farnham for the sum of thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents, heretofore credited, which was exhibited to us.*

(Signed) JAMES T. AUSTIN, }
 ISAAC P. DAVIS, } *Committee.*

Boston, April, 1834.

The Librarian presented a donation from John Farmer, Esq.

* The balance in the treasury, April 25, 1833, was \$109.67. The receipts for the year were: from admission fees, commutations, and assessments, \$220; from sales of publications, \$191.15; from proceeds of lectures at the Athenæum in behalf of the Society, \$146.16; rent from the Boston Phrenological Society, \$60; miscellaneous account, \$1.61; and amount borrowed on the Treasurer's note, \$500, — making the total amount of credits, \$1,228.59. The total amount of the payments was \$1,348.01, — of which sum \$360.55 appear to have been for printing; \$106.06 for interest, insurance, and taxes; a small sum for repairs on the old building and for current expenses; and the remainder for the cost of furnishing the new building, and for expenses connected with the removal of the Society. The deficit was \$119.42, which sum was due to the Treasurer, as stated by the Auditing Committee. — Eds.

Messrs. SPARKS, LOWELL, and WILLARD were appointed a committee to take into consideration the whole subject of the Collections, — of reprinting such volumes as are now out of print, and the subject of the manner of conducting the sales, with directions to report at the meeting in June next.

The following officers were elected : —

HON. JOHN DAVIS	PRESIDENT.
DR. GAMALIEL BRADFORD	SECRETARY.
DR. CHARLES LOWELL	CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.
JAMES SAVAGE	TREASURER.
JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq.	LIBRARIAN.
ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq.	CABINET-KEEPER.
HON. THOMAS L. WINTHROP	} COMMITTEE.
NATHAN HALE, Esq.	
FRANCIS C. GRAY, Esq.	
JARED SPARKS, Esq.	
JAMES T. AUSTIN, Esq.	

An application from the Boston Society of Natural History was referred to a committee, consisting of ISAAC P. DAVIS and NATHANIEL G. SNELLING, Esqs., with full powers to act as they shall think best in this matter, in behalf of the Society.

Voted, That the article of the By-Laws directing the notifications of the Standing Committee's meetings to be made by the President be so altered as that the Committee determine for themselves the mode in which the notifications shall be given.

Voted, That the subject of the enlargement of the number of the Society be postponed to the meeting in Commencement week next, and that the Secretary be directed to notify the members accordingly.

Dr. James Mease, of Philadelphia, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Isaac P. Davis, Esq., and William Jay, Esq., of New York, by Dr. Lowell.

Present — Austin, Codman, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Greenwood, Holmes, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Sparks, Spooner, Willard, and Worcester.

[One Resident Member died since the last annual meeting, — Dr. Redford Webster, — whose memoir, never having appeared in the Society's volumes, is here supplied. — Eds.]

Notice of Dr. Redford Webster.

Redford Webster, the son of Grant Webster, a shopkeeper in Union Street, Boston, was born in that city in 1761. He served an apprenticeship with Mr. Daniel Scott, a druggist or apothecary, at the sign of the "Leopard," at the south part of the town, the business being subsequently removed to Union Street. On the death of Mr. Scott, young Webster formed a copartnership with his widow, under the firm-name of Scott & Webster, and afterward pursued the business in his own name. In 1787, he married a daughter of John White, a baker in Fleet Street, a man of some wealth, who died April 2, 1804, aged eighty-six. Not long after this event, Mr. Webster gave up business, selling out to Thomas Farrington. For many years Mr. Webster led a life of comparative leisure, being fond of antiquarian pursuits, and spending considerable time at the rooms of the Historical Society, of which he became a member on the 13th of August, 1792, on the nomination of Judge Minot. He was an active associate, and a frequent, if not constant, attendant on the meetings, and was often placed on committees. He was a member of the Standing Committee from 1793 to 1810, Cabinet-Keeper from 1810 to 1833, — the year of his death, — and a member of the Publishing Committee of two volumes of Collections. Dr. Webster was a man of affairs, and had

much energy and perseverance of character. In his deportment he had the ease and bearing of a gentleman of the old school. For some years he was a member of the General Court; and he served on the Board of Overseers of the Poor for a long period, until the change made in that Board by Mr. Quincy. As to his domestic life, Dr. Webster is said to have been a delightful man in his family, having great kindness of heart, and taking a special interest in the intellectual culture of his young relatives, who loved to visit his home; one of whom, a niece, yet living, at an advanced age, has the pleasantest recollections of him. The town of Redford, in Clinton County, in the north-east corner of the State of New York, was named for him. The name "Redford" is supposed to have been a family name, coming down from some Sir Henry de Redford.

Dr. Webster was the author of an anonymous book, entitled "Selections from the Chronicle of Boston and from the Book of Retrospections and Anticipations. Compiled in the last month of the last year of The Town, and the first month of the first year of The City, being the year of our Lord MDCCCXXII.," 132 pp., — a humorous composition, written somewhat in imitation of Scripture language. A copy is in the library of the Boston Athenæum.

Dr. Webster's health had been failing during the summer of 1833, but he was not confined to his house. He died suddenly, or without warning, on the 31st of August of that year, having attended a meeting of the Historical Society on the 27th, only four days previously.

Dr. Webster's sister Hannah, who married the Rev. John Foster, D.D., the minister of Brighton, Massachusetts, was the author of the so-called "first American novel," entitled "The Coquette, or the History of Eliza Wharton," first published by E. Larkin, Cornhill, Boston, 1797. She also wrote "The Boarding School," and a volume of essays and sketches. Two daughters of Mrs. Foster — Mrs. Cheney and Mrs.

Cushing — were also writers. The former wrote the historical novels, "Peep at the Pilgrims" and "Rivals of Acadia"; and the latter, "Yorktown" and "Saratoga." C. D.

MONTHLY MEETING.

May 29, 1834. JAMES T. AUSTIN, Esq., presided.

J. G. PALFREY was appointed Secretary *pro tempore*.

Donations were presented from James Thacher, J. Mason, C. C. Baldwin, and S. P. Holbrook.

Hon. Mr. SAVAGE presented a letter from Rev. Mr. Deane, declining his election to be a member of the Society, on account of an intended removal to a distance.

The President and Rev. Mr. GREENWOOD were appointed a committee to prepare and present suitable diplomas to the surviving founders of the Society.*

Voted, That the Librarian present the eighth volume, second series, and third and fourth volumes, third series, of this Society's Collections to the American Antiquarian Society, through C. C. Baldwin, Esq.

Present — Austin, I. P. Davis, Francis, Lincoln, Palfrey, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, and Ticknor.

* Of the "founders," technically so called, but two were living at this time, — Dr. Freeman and Mr. Wallcut. But diplomas, such as are now in use by the Society, were filled up for all living members to the date of June 25, 1835. A committee for this purpose was appointed at the following meeting, on p. 494. The seal prepared by Judge Davis was the first seal used by the Society; and the diploma now adopted was the first diploma, properly so called. More than twenty years before, a simple printed form of notice was adopted, to be filled up and signed by the Recording Secretary. — Eds.

MONTHLY MEETING.

June 26, 1834. NATHAN HALE, Esq., presided.

Mr. WILLARD presented donations from the American Philosophical Society and from Dr. Thomas Stearns.

Mr. SPARKS, from the Committee on the subject of the Collections of the Society made a report; whereupon,

Voted, That the subject be again referred to the same Committee, with directions to consider and report a plan of disposing of them more rapidly.

Mr. SAVAGE presented a letter from William Minot, Esq., desiring that the Hon. Daniel Davis might be considered as having dissolved his connections with the Society; * whereupon,

Voted, That the resignation of Hon. Daniel Davis be accepted, and his assessments remitted.

Voted, That the last two volumes of the third series of the Society's Collections be forwarded to Rev. President Alden, for the use of the library at Meadville College.

Hon. NATHAN APPLETON, of Boston, and GEORGE BANCROFT, of Northampton, were unanimously elected members of the Society. Dr. JAMES MEASE, of Philadelphia, and WILLIAM JAY, Esq., of New York, were unanimously elected Corresponding Members of the Society.

Rev. President Allen, of Bowdoin College, was nominated a Corresponding Member by Dr. Codman.

* Mr. Minot wrote that, in view of Mr. Davis's enfeebled condition, his family could not object to his place being considered vacant. Mr. Davis died the next year. — Eds.

The Standing Committee were desired to nominate a member for the Society, if they should find on examination that there is any vacancy.

The Secretaries of the Society, with the Rev. Dr. PIERCE, were appointed a committee to fill up the Diplomas.

Mr. SAVAGE presented donations from Hon. Daniel Webster, Andrew E. Belknap, Esq., and Hon. John Pickering.

Dissolved.

Present — Austin, Bradford, Codman, Davis, Francis, Hale, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Quincy, Shattuck, Sparks, Ticknor, and Willard.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Thursday, July 31, 1834. ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq., presided.

The Librarian presented donations from Congress of the United States, George Bancroft, Esq., and the East-port Lyceum.

Mr. WILLARD, from the Committee on that subject, presented a form of label for the inside of books.

Voted, That the Committee on publications be requested to report at the next meeting.

Voted, That the same Committee be authorized to procure the reprinting of such volumes of the Collections as are now out of print, on such terms as they shall consider expedient.

Present — Bradford, I. P. Davis, Ripley, Ware, Willard, and Worcester.

Dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Tuesday, Aug. 26, 1834. President presided.

The Librarian presented donations from John Farmer, Esq., David D. Field, Esq., B. B. Edwards, Rev. Timothy Alden, Thomas W. White, and Luther S. Cushing, Esq.

The Committee on Publication reported certain terms on which the deficient volumes can be reprinted.

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from the Hon. Nathan Appleton and Theodore Dwight, Esq., accepting their membership.

On motion of Mr. SAVAGE, the Librarian was directed to settle the Society's account with Hilliard, Gray, & Co., and receive such volumes as they may have on hand.

Voted, That the manuscripts of Dr. Prince's Ordination Sermon be carefully bound and deposited in the Prince Library.

Voted, That an application be made to the General Court at their next session for such an alteration of the Act of Incorporation as would enable the Society to elect eighty members, or to consist of that number.

Voted, A committee for that purpose consist of the President, Mr. Savage, and Mr. Sparks.

Voted, That the Committee on Publications be desired to procure the reprinting of such volumes of the Transactions as are now out of print, not to exceed three hundred of each, on such terms as they may think expedient.

Present — Bradford, Judge Davis, I. P. Davis, Francis, Holmes, Lowell, Mitchell, Savage, Shaw, Sparks, Tucker, Willard, and Worcester.

Dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Sept. 25, 1834. Governor WINTHROP presided.

The Librarian presented donations from Rev. Richard M. Hodges and Hon. Thomas L. Winthrop.

Mr. SAVAGE presented a donation from Bryant P. Tilden, Esq.*

Voted, That the Librarian be directed to have the pamphlets bound, according to his discretion.

Present — N. Appleton, G. Bradford, I. P. Davis, C. Francis, N. Hale, Dr. Harris, S. Ripley, J. Savage, Prof. Ticknor, Joseph Willard, and Gov. Winthrop.

Dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Oct. 30, 1834. Governor WINTHROP presided.

The Corresponding Secretary reported a letter from Hon. William Jay, acknowledging his election as Corresponding Member.

The Librarian reported donations from Hon. Edward Everett, Mr. Jacob Porter, Rev. Joseph B. Felt, Dr. G. Bradford, Rev. B. B. Edwards, and Robert F. Wallcut.

The Committee on Lectures reported that it was im-

* The reader will understand that where the article given is not named in the records, he is referred to the "Acknowledgment of Donations" at the end of the volume of Collections next following the date of the entry, where the record is yet continued. — Eds.

practicable, in their opinion, to get up this winter a satisfactory course of lectures.

Present — Bradford, I. P. Davis, Gardner, Jenks, Lowell, Pierce, Ripley, Savage, Spooner, Ticknor, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

Adjourned.

MONTHLY MEETING.

Dec. 26, 1834. Governor WINTHROP presided.

JOSEPH WILLARD, Esq., was chosen Secretary *pro tem*.

Dr. LOWELL read a letter from Sir Francis Palgrave, accepting his appointment as a member of the Society.*

Governor WINTHROP communicated a letter from Professor J. Smyth Rogers, of Hartford, with a box made from the old Charter Oak in Hartford.

* The following is Sir Francis Palgrave's letter of acceptance:—

“RECORD OFFICE, TREASURY OF THE EXCHEQUER,
CHAPTER HOUSE, POETS' CORNER, WESTMINSTER,
18th Sept., 1834.

“SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the diploma of my election as a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and to return my most respectful and sincere thanks for the distinction thus conferred upon me.

“Whilst attempting to elucidate the rise and progress of the English Constitution, the United States of America have been constantly present to my mind. I always try to write for America, to select such facts as may be interesting to you, or as may afford you a useful warning. I have been encouraged in the prosecution of my tasks by feeling that they are inseparably interwoven with the history of a Commonwealth which will probably transmit the language and institutions of England to ages, when, perhaps, the parent country shall have become a howling desert.

“I have the honor to remain, Sir, with the greatest respect, your obedient, faithful servant,

FRANCIS PALGRAVE.

“The Rev. CHARLES LOWELL, D.D., &c.”

EDS.

A volume of Sermons by Dr. Codman, presented by him ; also, the Transactions of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, two volumes, 8vo, and part of Vol. III., presented by the Society, — were handed in.

Voted, To exchange in future with the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, beginning with the third series of our Collections.

Voted, That the Committee who were appointed to petition the General Court for alteration in our charter relating to number of members, be authorized to petition for authority to add to our number every ten years the number of ten members, in addition to the number proposed in the former vote.

The Librarian communicated the donation of the portrait of the late Governor Wolcott by Mr. Samuel Osgood ; also, the portraits of the late Colonel Pollard and Mrs. Pollard by Isaac Winslow, Esq.

Rev. Dr. Lowell nominated Chief-Justice Sewall, of Quebec, as a Corresponding Member.

Voted, That the Secretary communicate to Mr. Osgood, now at Washington, the thanks of the Society for his liberal donation of the portrait of Governor Wolcott.

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed on the subject of the lectures, with full powers.

Professor TICKNOR, Rev. Dr. LOWELL, and ISAAC P. DAVIS, Esq., were appointed of the committee.

Voted, That the Committee for devising a plan to dispose of the volumes of the Society's Collections be desired to report at the next meeting.

On motion of Rev. Dr. HARRIS,

Voted, That the Massachusetts Historical Society, having received several hundred rare and valuable books from Mr. Thomas Wallcut, do, by a unanimous vote, make to this their early associate most grateful acknowledgments, and beg him to accept the assurances of their respect and best wishes for his improved health and happiness.

Present — Appleton, I. P. Davis, Harris, Jenks, Lowell, Palfrey, Savage, Sparks, Ware, Willard, Winthrop, and Worcester.

Dissolved.

MONTHLY MEETING, JANUARY, 1835.

Jan. 29, 1835. The President in the chair.

The Committee on the subject of the publications reported that it is advisable to cancel the existing contract with the booksellers, with their consent, and to make another on the basis of the following resolutions:

1. That all the volumes of the Collections shall be sold at a uniform price.

2. That the price of a single volume, or of any number of volumes less than a full set, shall be one dollar, in boards.

3. That a complete set of the work shall be sold at the rate of one dollar for each volume, in boards.

4. That the booksellers shall be allowed a commission of twenty-five per cent on the amount of sales, they agreeing to advertise the work extensively, and to use all the means to promote its circulation that they are accustomed to use in regard to their own publications.

5. That the Librarian be authorized to make a contract with a bookseller or booksellers, according to the tenor of these resolutions, to continue for a period not exceeding three years.

The blanks left by the Committee for amounts being filled as above, the report and resolutions were accepted.

The Librarian reported a deposit of a portrait by